

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the final Office Action dated May 18, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to the points of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 12-15, 18-23, 33-39 and 41 are pending. Claims 24-30 are cancelled above.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 12-15, 18-23, 33-39 and 41 have been allowed. Claims 24-27 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over US Patent No. 6,717,152 (Izumi). Claims 28-30 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Izumi, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,581 (Sorenson).

Claims 24-30 are cancelled above to expedite allowance of the pending application. All of the pending claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 12-15, 18-23, 33-39 and 41 have been allowed.

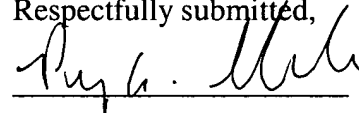
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Amendment and any other fees applicable to this application to the Assignee's Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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